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The Honorable Jane Swift  
Governor of Massachusetts  
Office of the Governor  
Room 360  
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Dear Governor Swift:

I am writing to let you know about an exciting initiative in Washington to commemorate the legacy of former Presidents John Adams, John Quincy Adams and their extended family, and to recommend that you consider a corresponding effort in Boston.

Few families in American history have given so much to their country over so many generations -- as statesmen, diplomats, advocates and authors. To honor this remarkable contribution, I have been working with Senator Edward Kennedy and House colleagues on legislation to authorize a commemorative work in our nation's capital dedicated to the two Presidents Adams, their First Ladies, and other distinguished members of the Adams family. Recently, the National Capital Planning Commission gave its initial approval for the project. A number of Massachusetts-based groups and institutions that have done much to preserve and promote the Adams legacy will be a part of this national effort. These groups include the Adams Memorial Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society -- one of the nation's greatest repositories of historical documents and the world's largest collection of papers and artifacts related to the Adams family -- as well as living descendants of John Adams.

As public interest in the Adams legacy grows, Senator Kennedy and I are also working to secure funds for the Adams National Historical Park in Quincy to create a permanent visitor center and acquire adjacent land that is threatened by development. The number of visitors to the Adams Park in Quincy has tripled over the last decade, enhancing significantly the economic impact of cultural tourism

throughout the region. Moreover, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCullough's forthcoming book on John Adams -- slated for a first-edition printing of over 300,000 copies -- will only add to the public's interest in the Adams family. It seems to me that we now have an historic opportunity to ensure that the contributions of this remarkable family are appropriately honored.

For these reasons, it seems that it is the time to weigh the possibility of a tribute to the Adams family at or near the State House. I understand that the only formal memorial to John Adams on Beacon Hill is a bronze bust on the second floor of the State House, and that there is currently no tribute to John Quincy Adams. With the recently-constructed memorial to President Kennedy nearby, it would be fitting to also honor these two native-son Presidents in their own state capitol. The impressive collection of portraits and statues already in the State House would only be further enriched by the addition of a tribute to the Adams family.

I look forward to working with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Delahunt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Delahunt" clearly distinguishable.

William D. Delahunt